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BRITISH COLUMBIA RAISES 1925 APPLE ESTIMATE

Apple production in British Columbia for 1925 was placed at the equivalent of 747,000 barrels at the end of August, according to E. L. Harris, American Consul General at Vancouver, quoting Provincial Government field experts. This figure is 86,550 barrels greater than the estimate released by the Canadian Government on August 1, but is about 30,000 barrels below the quantities produced in that province last year.

An increase in the Okanagan Valley, the most important center, of 29,500 barrels over the July estimate, is accounted for principally by improved conditions in the Vernon and Kelowna districts. The Valley is now expected to produce 650,000 barrels against 721,000 in 1924. Irrigation water has held out better than last year in those districts and the trees are showing decided improvement from the ill-effects of last winter. As a result, the fruit is sizing and developing well. The whole valley shows general improvement over midsummer conditions with the exception of Penicton, where in some orchards, the water supply ran out rather early. In the Salmon Arm district, however, a decided reduction is noted owing to the prevalence of core rot and drought spot. The latter disease is particularly bad on McIntosh and Wealthy, the leading varieties of that region.

While there have been light rains recently, more moisture is needed, particularly in the Vernon district. Despite the dryness, however, orchards are generally reported to be looking well. Wealthy apples were moving out freely toward the end of August, and Cox Orange was beginning to move to the packing houses. McIntosh is expected to begin moving this week.

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